

Interview Summary

Application No. 10/066,760	Applicant(s) Iihoshi et al.
Examiner Tu M. Nguyen	Art Unit 3748

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Tu M. Nguyen (examiner)

(3) _____

(2) James F. McKeown (attorney)

(4) _____

Date of Interview Dec 23, 2002Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy is given to 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No. If yes, brief description:Claim(s) discussed: 7-10

Identification of prior art discussed:

Hirota et al. (U.S. Patent 6,199,374) and Hirota (U.S. Patent 5,996,338)Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

The amended base claim 7 which claims a system having at least a cylinder with an auxiliary fuel injection to increase HC and CO concentrations to the exhaust gas and a cylinder without the auxiliary fuel injection to supply surplus oxygen to the exhaust gas, appears allowable over the prior art of record pending further search and consideration.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.


Examiner's signature, if required